

ASAP Council on Certification in Adolescent Psychiatry

Study Guide for Certification Examination

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The certification examination in Adolescent Psychiatry is composed of two parts, the first being a traditional, multiple choice exam encompassing child/adolescent development, diagnostic and therapeutics and forensic & community/consultation psychiatry. The second part of the exam consists of questions based on two video-taped interviews played immediately prior.

The material for the examination is drawn from recent review articles from major peer reviewed journals and textbooks as well as from the lectures given at the 2016-2018 annual ASAP scientific meetings. The syllabi from those meetings are available to ASAP members who attended the conferences free of charge while for others they may be purchased for a nominal fee and then sent for downloading from our executive office.

**Textbook:** Our recommendation with regard to a textbook is the on-line version of the Rey's IACAPAP Textbook of Child and Adolescent Mental Health (<http://iacapap.org/iacapap-textbook-of-child-and-adolescent-mental-health>). This is an open access textbook, with chapters available to download, including normal development, clinical exam, case formulation, psychopathology, psychopharmacology, forensics, and treatments.

**Sample Questions:** Our recommendation is Shen and Hendren's **Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for the Specialty Board Review 4th Edition** (<https://www.amazon.com/Child-Adolescent-Psychiatry-Specialty-Review/dp/0415818109>)

**2016-2018 Conference Syllabi:** Please contact Earl Magee, Executive Director, at [ASAPadolpsych@gmail.com](mailto:ASAPadolpsych@gmail.com) for further information about the conference syllabi.

**Review Course:** Presently, ASAP does not have an annual review course in Adolescent Psychiatry although plans for re-developing it in 2020 are in process. Instead, we recommend the annual AACAP Hansen Review Course. For details, please see: [www.aacap.org/ReviewCourse-2019](http://www.aacap.org/ReviewCourse-2019)

It is our desire that the certification preparation and examination process is a meaningful and growth-enhancing one for you and wish you luck and success as you proceed.